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S. HECHT,

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Aext to the Chicago Bargain Boase, and Opposite the Bark of Commerce, P. S. Saturday January 2d, all numbers, of which I keep duplicates, will



Ye who have scorned each other, Or injured friend or brother, In this fast fading year: Ye who by word or deed, Have made a kind heart bleed. Come gather here! Let sinned agains! and sinning, Forget their strife's beginning. And join in friendship now— Be links no longer brothen; Be sweet forgiveness spoken Under the Holly Bough.

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hand, as white as snow, which, tretching through the hole he had made, sets of the cake and instantle disappeared with it. In this legend originates, it is said, the compli-

s like a water sprite's. is like a water sprite a.

The Norse peasant, in his popular tales has a curious solution for the oft-asked ques tion, "Why is the sea salt?" It appears, that once upon a time, long, long ago, there were two brothers, one rich and the other pour Now it happened on Christmas Eve that the poor one had not so much as a crumb of bread to eat, so he went to his brother for help, who gave him a whole flitch of backs, help, who gave him a whole filtch of bachs, at the same time bidding him go to a certain evil magician. On arriving at the magician's house, he was surrounded by a host of persons anxious to buy his flitch. "Well," sail he, "by rights my old dame and I ought to have this bacon for our Christmas dinner; but since you have all set your hearts on it, I suppose you must have it; but if I sell it all I must have in return that quern behind the door yonder." At first the old magician laughed outright at this proposal, but the "poor brother" stuck to it, and so at last the magician parted with his quern.

On reaching home the clock struck 12, as his wife met him at the door, wondering what had kept him out so long. "Oh," said he, "you shall quickly see the cause of my de-

may be imagined, stood thunderstruck, watching the quern grind out dainties enough to last till Twelfth Day. When, how-ever, the rich brother saw, on Christman

Day, all that was on the table, he was very savious and said, "whence have you got all For some time the poor brother refused to he neantiously gave out the history of the magic que n, which his brother ultimately is n ht for \$300. Before long, however, h ioun! that it kept on grinling, and so alarmed was be that he result it to his

brother for the same money that pur-As before, it soon brought renewed pros-perity to the poor brother, which enabled him to buy a golden house, the fame whereof spread far and wide, and attracted strangers from all parts. So one day a stranger came

soms, and golden fruits ripen upon their boughs."

Memphis is the largest inland cotton market in the world.

[Exchange.]

A dumpy, distorrolate looking small boy was learning against the wall at the street corner, when along came a tail, raw-boned "Bu-bubby, do you feet bad?"

"Hain't you got nom-money for Chrissle

"Jus' like me! I'm traveling on my last 15 cents smorning, and it'll be all gone Tore-noon. Going to h-hang up your stocking?" "No."
"Neither 'm I. I haven't got anybody to

love me an' put toys in my peckets. Say, do you want a lizzle toy mule in your stock-"So do I, but I won't get one. Tuff to be

bizzest hearted man in the world. I'll make you happy if I have to sleep in the middle of the road. Here, take that, and this, and this—yes, take it along and be happy. And he banded out a pint bottle half full of gin, a plug of tobacco and a dime sorgbook, and as the bewildered boy stood held-ing them in his hands the denor continued: "Thaz all-thaz all but a eucher-deck and

a pistel, and I'll keep them to make some other boy remember Chrisslemas. Run along sonny—run home and be happy?"

[Pell Mall Gazette. The inhabitants of Berlin are proud of describing the capital of the German empire as "the City of Intelligence." This appellation is, no doubt, well deserved, but even in that center of enlightment each recurring Christ-mas shows that countless legends and superstitions hold their ground. For instance, no clothes-lines are allowed to be seen in the house between Christmas and New Year, for moments uplifts it. It is the only if they are not all carefully taken down it is which sustains its care.

difficulty he succeeding in reaching home, and narrating his Christmas experience to dead through the winter. And so we gyption the family as they were gathered round the always burn an ash fire every Great Day."

DINNER FOR THREE

N A PRISON STOCKADE, DECEMBER

called us that we might get our rations.

After returning to the shebang the lows man said: "Boys, I'll think of that dinner as

long as I live Why. I sin't hungry yet." The Five-Dot Game

Boston Globe. number can play, but each player must be provided with a sheet of white paper and a pencil. All must then mark five dots in any ieft hand. He then takes the dotted paper which has been handed to him, and tries to draw on it were known figure in such a posture as to bring one of the five dots at the middle of the top of the forebead, one at the point of each feet, and one at each hand.

[Chicago Times.]
The elaborate icing that imitates frost and

Victor Hugo: Little incidents are.

speak, the foliage of great events, and are lost in the distance of history. The roul helps the body, and at certain

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

PRANG & CO.

drawing remained upon the stone slab.

This printing stone now went to the steam press. There they found the proof-book containing the double impressions of each of the zinc drawings make for this card-back—the print of the plain color on one page, and the print of its impression upon the other colors, on the page operation.

colors, on the page opposite.

The printer had mixed his ink to reproduce one of the colors. A trial sheet was printed to represent this color, also an im-

combinations of an original painting may be middle of the top of the forehead, one at the point of each foot, and one at each hadd. But no one must take longer than a certain time, say five or ten minutes, in making his picture. The results sometimes are very laughable, and the game calls for a good deal of invention and skill.

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Bitter is the life of the man who, during the gay menth of December, has to conceal money difficulties from his family and diare not chill the exuberant boliday joy. But by far the greater portion of men have none of the sensitiveness which makes each dobt a poissoned arrow to some of their fellows. They laugh, and are merry, and kill the fatted calf—of somebody else. They will hold high wassail in Christmas-tide, although the heavens may fall. But such mortals are useful. We must have the giddy music of Offenbach as well as the Gregorian chant.

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able cards?" was asked at the close of the visit.

The manager smiled. "The modest card, the cheaper kind. Some years, figures will be the rage; then again landscapes or flowers. As a rule, however, flower cards are the favorites. But not the gorgeous and stately specimens. We send out flower cards in sots. The daisies, the pansies, the dandeitons, the buttercups, are sold. There is connected with them some universal sentiment. The conservatory beauties of the set court the eye with less success. So a cottage on the hillside, its lonely smoke curling upward, will outself the most luxurious palace interior.

Ten years ago, the wife of our London agent suggested to him to order Christmas cards from us for England, where the custom for their use originated. The American cards at once became the rage all over England, and the following year we introduced them at home with equal success."

I am sure I have always thought of Christmas arity hearitable time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem, by one cousent, to open their shut-op hearts freely, and to think of people below hearts freely, and to think of the people below hearts freely, and to think of the people below hearts freely, and to think

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printed to represent this color, also an impression upon a sheet of the previous color printings. "All colors used in printing." explained the manager, "are exactly the same that artists use in oil painting, ground up in oil, and by choice of colors ail complex combinations of an original painting may be reproduced."

He then explained that after the printing the clear was lower to keep the stitches in the center of divide the walding, learn the color of divide the walding. Now take your needle and divide the walding, taking half, and turn the clear was lower to keep the center so that it.

Our Last Bow to the Public

1884.

In making our final bow of the year to the people of Wichita and, vicinity, we wish to thank you all for the kindness shown and for the liberal patronage bestowed. We trust all may enjoy a

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AND

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR

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